GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:175
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2003
NORMS FOR PACKAGED DRINKING NATURAL MINERAL WATER .
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies in the country which are supplying the packaged drinking/natural mineral water;

(b) the number of companies which are ISI approved and those which are not approved; and

(c) the grounds on which none ISI approved companies are permitted to sell the packaged drinking/natural mineral water?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (c) OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 175 FOR 12/12/2003 REGARDING NORMS FOR PACKAGED DRINKING/NATURAL MINERAL WATER

(a) & (b): The number of companies supplying bottled water in the country is not known to BIS. However, BIS has granted 997 licences for manufacturing packaged drinking water and 8 licences for packaged natural mineral water under its Certification Marks, Scheme.

(c) : Packaged Natural Mineral Water and Packaged Drinking Water were brought under Mandatory Certification Scheme of the Bureau of Indian Standards through Gazette Notification No. GSR 759(E) and GSR 760 (E) with effect from 29th March, 2001 issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. According to the notifications, no person is authorized to manufacture, sell or exhibit for sale Packaged Natural Mineral Water and Packaged Drinking Water except under Bureau of Indian Standards Certification Marks. Hence, the sale of the Bottled Water by the manufacturers not having BIS Certification Marks Licence is illegal and unauthorized. The State Health Authorities are required to take appropriate action against such manufacturers under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and Rules framed thereunder.